

## COPY SHOWING CHANGES MADE

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A fishing rod holder assembly for holding one or more fishing rods thereto. The fishing rod holder assembly includes ~~a flush mounted rod holder mounted within a gunwale of a boat;~~ a two or more fishing rod holders each for holding a fishing rod therein ~~thereto~~; and a fishing rod holder support stanchion member having an anchoring post ~~with~~ and a horizontal crossbar member connected thereto in an offset manner. The horizontal crossbar member includes a ~~first opposing end and a second opposing end;~~ the first opposing end having a first ~~vertical~~ upwardly extending holding post connected thereto and ~~the~~ a second opposing end having a second ~~vertical~~ upwardly extending holding post connected thereto for forming a ~~goalpost~~ U-shaped configuration thereof. ~~The anchoring post is adaptably mounted within the flush mounted rod holder;~~ and At least one of the fishing rod holders has a first attachment element is detachably mounted on the first ~~vertical~~ upwardly extending holding post of the fishing rod holder support stanchion member and another one of the fishing rod holders has a second attachment element is detachably mounted on the ~~second vertical upwardly extending~~ holding post of the fishing rod holder support stanchion member for forming a fishing rod holder assembly ~~thereof~~.

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A fishing rod holder assembly for holding one or more fishing rods thereto. The fishing rod holder assembly includes two or more fishing rod holders each for holding a fishing rod therein; and a fishing rod holder support stanchion member having an anchoring post and a horizontal crossbar member connected thereto in an offset manner. The horizontal crossbar member includes a first opposing end having a first upwardly extending holding post connected thereto and a second opposing end having a second upwardly extending holding post connected thereto for forming a U-shaped configuration thereof. At least one of the fishing rod holders has a first attachment element mounted on the first upwardly extending holding post of the fishing rod holder support stanchion member and another one of the fishing rod holders has a second attachment element mounted on the second upwardly extending holding post of the fishing rod holder support stanchion member for forming a fishing rod holder assembly.